

STOGURSEY NEWS



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February 2024

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to February's edition of Stogursey News.

On 28 February 1827 Samuel Coleridge wrote, "Heard the singing birds this morning in our garden for the first time this year, though it rained and blew fiercely; but the long frost has broken up and the wind, though fierce, was warm and westerly."

It is something of a relief when the last of the dark days of January are past and Spring seems a bit nearer.

However, there are several contributions this month that remind us of events that took place within the village around Christmas time and the start of the New Year. The reports of the Christmas parties for the Forget-Me-Not Café and of the Creative Tea Party indicate how much they were enjoyed, and the number of decorated trees in the Christmas Tree Event showed what a variety of different groups and activities there are in and around Stogursey.

The cover photo for this month's magazine celebrates the traditional Wassail in Colepool Orchard looking ahead to new growth and a good crop of apples in the Autumn. Also looking ahead, is a piece inviting people, between 8 January and 29 February, to share their views on "proposed changes" to plans at Hinkley Point.

So in spite of the wintry weather the year moves on.

With all good wishes for warmer weather and a sunny Spring.

The Editorial team

Stogursey-Online.uk

This is the parish website. It hosts pages for events, societies, community links and Parish Council news.

You can post local upcoming events on the parish website www.stogursey-online.uk

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Stogursey News

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The News offers an extra page monthly for the use of Hinkley Point C (EdF) to keep local residents well-informed.

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- * Send it to stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk

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- * Write or type your contribution.
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- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
- Please keep within the 500-word limit.
- Provide your contact details so that we can get in touch if we need to edit.
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- Send your contribution for each and every month you would like it published.
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We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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Regular Events

Monday	Health Walks (weekly) Contact: https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor	Stear Marshes Car Park	2.00pm
Tuesday	Core Stability (Pilates-based) Tai Chi Shibashi for over-50s (weekly) (Contact AgeUK 01823 345 624) Stogursey Lunches (weekly) Bingo (weekly) WI (second Tuesday of month) Parish Council Meeting (second Tuesday of month) Meditation (first & third Tuesday of month) Short Mat Bowls (weekly) Contact: Ron 01278 732688 Quantock Tennis Club (first Tuesday of month)	Victory Hall Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms St Audries Centre Victory Hall Victory Hall St Andrew's Church, Lilstock Victory Hall Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	9.00am 10.30am Doors Open 12 noon Eyes Down 2.00pm 2.30pm 7.00pm 7.15pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Wednesday	Forget-Me-Not Café (alternate Wednesdays) Bingo Club Ukulele Sessions (alternate Wednesdays) Sea Shanty Singers (alternate Wednesdays)	Jubilee Rooms Youth Club Greyhound Inn Greyhound Inn	10.30am - 12 noon 7.00pm - 9.00pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday	Mobile Library visit (once every four weeks) Youth Club (weekly) Stogursey Arts Photographic Society- SAPS (second Thursday of month) Film Night (monthly)	Shurton & Stogursey Youth Club Jubilee Rooms Jubilee Rooms	as per schedule 6.30pm - 8.30pm 7.00pm doors open 7.00pm
Friday	Friday Social Café (weekly) Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) Contact John Nicholson 01278 732711 or jfnicholson@talktalk.net Quiz Night (third Friday of month)	Jubilee Rooms Multi-sport court, Victory Hall Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon 10.00am - 12 noon doors open 7.00pm
Sunday	Quantock Tennis Club (weekly)	Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon

DIARY 2024

February

Sunday 4	Sunday Lunch	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm
Tuesday 13	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 14	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 14	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Saturday 17	'Celebration of Love'	Victory Hall	7.00pm - late
Thursday 22	Mobile Library	as per schedule	as per schedule
Wednesday 28	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 28	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm

March

Wednesday 13	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 13	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday 21	Mobile Library	As per schedule	As per schedule
Wednesday 27	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 27	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	4 th February 2 nd before Lent	11 th February Next before Lent	18 th February Lent 1	25 th February Lent 2
Cannington St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Service	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion
Combwich St Peter	11.15am Family Service	6.00pm Prayer & Praise	11.15am Holy Communion	
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Family Service
Stockland St Mary Madalene		11.15am Family Service		11.15am Holy Communion
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion (in Jubilee Rooms)	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Rise and Shine All Age Worship (in Jubilee Rooms)
	Green	Green	Purple	Purple

Ash Wednesday – 14th February **Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes**

10.00am Stolford, St Peter's Church
7.00pm Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church

Regular Weekday Services

Tuesdays	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church
Thursdays	9.00am	Prayer Meeting	Combwich, St Peter's Church
Fridays	9.00am	Holy Communion	Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church

Babes and Tots Play Group

Tuesdays (termtime) 9.00 - 11.30am Cannington Village Hall

Coffee Mornings

Thursdays	10.00am	Cannington Church
Fridays	10.30am	Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey

Bellringing

Tuesdays	7.30pm	Cannington Church
Wednesdays	7.00pm	Stogursey Church (1 st Wed) / Fiddington Church (2 nd - 5 th Wed)
Fridays	7.00pm	Combwich Church (1 st and 3 rd Fri)

Do be in touch if you would like to marry in one of the churches, or to arrange a baptism,
or if there is anything else we can help with.

Revd Alison Waters, Rector & Revd Jan Church, Curate
01278 652953 / cannington.benefice@gmail.com

STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ CHRISTMAS PARTY

In December 2023, Stogursey Community Network was awarded funds from the Somerset Community Foundation Festive Funds to provide community events over the Christmas and New Year period. SCN offered the Forget-me-Not Café the opportunity and the funds to host a Christmas party and we would like to say a big Thank You for this.



Our wonderful Christmas Party was held on December 20th in the Jubilee Rooms. All our Forget-me-Not friends and guests, approximately 45 of us, enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch with drinks, cakes, and Bucks Fizz. Santa and his Elf joined us bringing gifts. There was a free raffle and everybody won a prize.

We enjoyed music and singing from the lovely Strummers of Stogursey on ukuleles and drums, and Stogursey Sea Shanty Group sang their fun songs. In the afternoon we were joined by Watchet Community Choir who sang a selection of favourite songs and carols. Everyone joined in enthusiastically with the singing, clapping, and dancing, and a good time was had by all.

It was a Christmas Party to remember and we hope this year's will be as much fun!

Helen Cuttell

Victory Hall Christmas Bingo

The Christmas Bingo proved to be very successful raising a profit of £500.00 for the Victory Hall funds. The Management Committee wish to thank all those who attended and donated prizes and continue to support us, not only at the end of the year events, but also all our events throughout 2023. Your continued support is very much appreciated

Allan Searle on behalf of the Victory Hall Committee

Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

"Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others."

Jonathan Swift

Joining the Photographic Society was a new venture for me, and I must admit my initial approach was cautious. Stepping into the unknown, I envisioned encountering a group of enthusiasts reminiscent of train spotters (no offence intended), finding an alternative outlet for their passion. My apprehension stemmed from the fear that everyone would be experts, while I, armed only with my smartphone (Google Pixel 4a), would feel out of place. Fortunately, my worries were unfounded.

This community has proven to be a delightful, welcoming space - a gentle stroll rather than a brisk march. It feels more like a shared journey into the world of imaging. Our "field trips" have been particularly enjoyable, reminiscent of our school days. It's fascinating to witness how each of us perceives the same subject differently. Indeed, the key to a great photograph appears to lie more in the art of observation than in the equipment.

Recently, I had the honour of becoming the 'official photographer' (ha ha!) for the Christmas Tree event at St Andrews Church.



Caroline and Phil performing at the Christmas Tree Festival

Mike, unfortunately confined by COVID, entrusted me with capturing a few shots. It's astounding what a smartphone can achieve these days. In the not-so-distant past, low-light scenes like the ones at the event would have resulted in pixelated and unsatisfactory images from my older digital cameras. The capabilities of a modern phone are truly remarkable. While it may not rival a high-end DSLR, the results are surprisingly good.

For me, joining SAPS has been a gentle introduction to village life as a recent newcomer. If you're seeking a slightly unconventional photographic experience, I highly recommend it. It's a welcoming community that embraces the art of seeing over the choice of equipment - a sentiment I encourage others to explore

Colin Pye (SAPS for Stogursey Arts Trust)

STOGURSEY COMMUNITY NETWORK

Creative Tea Party

on Sunday 7th January in the Jubilee Rooms

Recently, we were lucky enough to receive funds from the Somerset Community Fund's Festive Funds and would like to say a big Thank You for this.

It enabled local people to enjoy a fun and creative afternoon tea in the Jubilee Rooms with delicious homemade cakes and sandwiches, and plenty of friendly conversation and laughter. It certainly brightened everyone's spirits on a very cold and grey January afternoon.

There were two creative workshops which were very enjoyable and relaxing, everyone was very enthusiastic.

The first was to paint a wooden bookmark using acrylic paint pens. Some beautiful designs were produced and the bookmarks were finished off with tassels and wooden beads.



We also decorated some glass jars with special glass pens and people came up with some lovely artistic ideas – stained glass effects, and patterns using a paper doily as a stencil.

A lovely time was had by all and we hope to do this again in the future.

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

December 2023 Draw

1 st prize £100.00	Mark Bleazard	No	124
2 nd prize £50.00	Mary Pearce	No	19
3 rd prize £25.00	VF in the Corner Shop	No	38

Strummers of Stogursey

Try something new - the Strummers of Stogursey meet at the Greyhound Inn every other week. Players of any level of experience welcome, so come along, borrow one of our ukes and give it a go.

February dates: Wednesday 14th and 28th

Info Rose.palmer280@gmail.com / lanelenor@gmail.com

STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ



Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey
EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY
10.30am – 12.00 noon

Upcoming Café Dates:

Wednesday 14th Feb

Wednesday 28th Feb

Wednesday 13th March

Wednesday 27th March

Forget-me-Not Cafés provide support, companionship and a warm welcome to those who are recognising issues with their memory, as well as their carers, family, and friends. There are a variety of activities, some involving existing local groups, such as music, singing, arts, crafts, poetry, bingo, quizzes, or if preferred, just a quiet chat over a coffee.

The Café runs twice a month, planned so that the cafe is open the alternate week to Watchet Forget-me-Not Café. We have been running for more than 5 years and we celebrated our birthday in January. Many friendships have been made over the years.

Please come along and see what we do.

What we did in December:

We had fun at our Christmas Party in the Jubilee Rooms which were so festive and beautifully decorated. Santa and his Elf joined us again, aka Nick and Jim from Somerset Passenger Solutions. We enjoyed music from the Strummers of Stogursey and the Sea Shanties, and the Watchet Community Choir and we would like to thank everyone including our fantastic team of volunteers, who came along and helped make the party so wonderful.

We were delighted to be involved in the Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrew's Church. We had fun hand-painting all the tree ornaments. It was a lovely way of bringing people together. We hope you enjoyed seeing all the wonderful Christmas trees at the festival.

We are looking forward to all the events coming up this year including a trip out with transport provided by Somerset Passenger Solutions, and the Forget-me-Not Fund Raising Tombola at BURTONFETE on May 26th at Burton Springs.

For more information please contact:

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Rose: 07507 374234



rosechalk@icloud.com

We are on Facebook and Instagram

Good health to you, "was hael"

The bright sounds of 'The Big Noise Band' preceded the arrival of the procession from the Victory Hall to Cole Pool Orchard (dated 2004). Awaiting the walkers was a band of volunteers offering warm mulled cider and apple juice, hotdogs, soup, tea, coffee and chocolate. The cider was made in part with apples from this orchard tended by the late Pete Cross. After warming up, the band led the way through the trees, past the quiet beehives to the throne awaiting Ellie as the Wassail queen. An orchestrated cacophony of loud noises and bangs ensued to chase away the bad spirits from the orchard.

A fanfare then announced the coronation. This was followed by an invitation to welcome in the good spirits to this orchard, and orchards beyond, for the trees to bud, blow (blossom) and fruit well in the forthcoming year. A tree was anointed with cider, and cider-soaked toast was placed among the twigs and branches around the orchard.

The ceremony over, the revellers returned to the braziers to warm up and to refresh themselves and to catch up with friends old and new.

A big thank you to all those volunteers who worked hard to make the event such a success (although we shan't really know until next autumn!)

People were able to share their memories of Pete Cross - his family very much appreciate those who came to join with them. Also thank you to all those who attended the event, joined in, and gave generously (over £600) to support Cancer Research UK and Stogursey Twinning Association.



Crowning the Wassail Queen

Wassail

by Jan Ford

The celebration went off with a vocal 'BANG',
Not cancelled by covid or inclement weather,
Many left Victory Hall car park
Muffled up and wearing sturdy shoe leather.

Though many old faces were now sadly missed
Welcome new revellers appeared on the scene
To celebrate this ancient rite
With our own young 'Wassail Queen'.

A chance for many to catch up with old friends
Whilst keeping this village tradition.
At the same time getting some exercise
After excesses of Christmas nutrition.

In these days of social media
There's still need for some real human contact,
And not taking ourselves too seriously
When with others we interact.

So it's good to get out for a chat and a laugh,
Make a noise, drink some cider, raise some
money;
For charity and local community;
And not care if we're thought a bit 'funny'.

It's a 'Thankyou' then to the planners,
Land owners, musicians, not forgetting the trees
That make the Wassail happen.
To support nature - the birds and those bees.



We hope you are all
keeping well during these
long winter months.

Here at the Soap Factory Cinema, we are trying our hardest to stay warm and cosy on these chilly evenings. With this in mind, we have decided to postpone the next showing until the weather begins to warm up for you all during the Spring.

Watch out for updates in the Stogursey News and on Social Media for the details of our March film. Until then, stay safe and well and we will look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

With love,
The Soap Factory Team

Stogursey Victory Hall

SUNDAY LUNCH



on **SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY**

Served between 12 noon and 2pm

Main course £9.50; Child's £5.00
Two courses £12.50; Child's £7.00

CASH ONLY PLEASE

Booking preferred -
Please contact Denise
on 07453 381844 or 01278 733594

Victory Hall & Youth Club Lottery

£1.00 per month	£12.00 per year		
Prizes (10 months)	£25	£15	£10
Prizes (June)	£60	£30	£15
Prizes (December)	£100	£50	£25

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To renew your subscription, or if you wish to join as a new subscriber, please contact. Mr Ron Dyer on 01278 732688, or Allan Searle on 01278 732820; or return the form below to Mr Ron Dyer, 32 Town Close, Stogursey

Victory Hall & Youth Club Lottery Annual Subscription

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Address:

Number of tickets.
required:

Annual Subscription of £12 per ticket

♥ Celebration of Love ♥

Stogursey Victory Hall

Bring your mum, dad, brother, sister, friends, husband, wife, partner, loved ones . . .
OR JUST YOURSELF

Saturday 17th February

7.00pm - late

Tapas menu and dessert
£15 per person

Booking Advisable:
Allan Searle 01278 732820, or
Heather Ranson 01278 732824
or any Stogursey Victory Hall member

PRESCRIPTION COLLECTIONS

Could you volunteer for a couple of hours every two months on a Friday?

We need someone to join our team to collect prescriptions from Nether Stowey and Cannington Surgeries with delivery mainly to Stogursey Spar Shop/Post Office and some households.

You will need access to a car. Fuel expenses will be paid. A DBS check will also be done at no expense to the volunteer.

For more information please call Richard: 07975 824804
or email: cuttellrichard@gmail.com



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Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



Welcome back to Spring Term!

It certainly doesn't feel like Spring with the weather as it is!

I have toured the classrooms and spoken with children and parents reflecting on the past term and the amazing learning that has taken place.

Here are some quotes that have given me such joy to hear:.

From children:

"I love learning about new things."

"The knowledge organisers in my book help me learn and so do the working walls."

"I enjoy speaking in French and how my teacher helps with my pronunciation."

From parents:

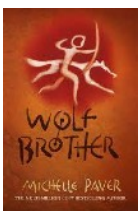
"My child is so excited to be doing Maths in his year group in a small group this term."

"He is so inspired by the book they are reading in class at the moment, I think I am going to have to get him a copy of it. He never usually talks about books like this."

Gary Tucker, Headteacher

Beacon

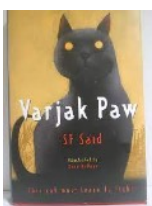
Year 6 pupils are now working hard on SATs focussed Maths learning with Miss Day, and will continue up until May. We have now started the topic of Algebra which, so far, all Year 6s have enjoyed learning!



In English, we have started our class reader, 'Wolf Brother' which is set in the stone age which fits nicely with our history project. We have learned about eras and ages as well as the three periods that form the stone age: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic.

In PE we have been learning different dance moves, and have focussed on circular movements. We created a short dance routine, in groups.

Alfoxton



In English, Alfoxton have been continuing with the story of "Varjak Paw". We have discussed whether the cats should stay or leave the house. The children used reasoning and evidence from the book to support their opinions.

We have just started our History topic about Victorian poverty. The children have noted what they already knew about the Victorians and created a timeline of key events

within the Victorian era. They are looking forward to discovering more about how things changed and stayed the same for the poor.

In Science, this half term we will be looking at the digestive system and how it works in both humans and animals.

Triscombe

In Maths, Triscombe have been learning all about shape. For some lessons the whole class have worked together. We have been really impressed with the Reception children's shape knowledge, and they've made great contributions to class discussions. All the children have been working really well on this topic, and have been noticing and talking about shape throughout the day.

We have started our new topic, Memories, which will focus on the journey and arrival in the UK of the Empire Windrush. To provide a geographical context for the topic, we have been finding out about the Caribbean Islands, and comparing them with the UK.



This also ties in with our new English topic, as we are reading "Coming to England" by Floella Benjamin.

The home corner is in the process of being transformed into a shop. The children were excited about the idea of having their role play area inside the classroom, and they had lots of ideas about what we would need to have in a shop. This is very much an ongoing project which the children are taking ownership of.

FOSS (Friends of Stogursey School)



Our current group of parents who coordinate this are stepping down in March. Many thanks to this group for their hard work and efforts in raising a lot of money towards the redevelopment of our

playground (work to start shortly).

We have a number of volunteers willing to continue this valuable work, but would welcome more community members to the group. If you are interested in stepping into this very rewarding role and helping to raise money for the school, please get in touch with either Mrs Nicholls at the office or Mr Tucker directly.

Important Dates

Monday 12th-16th February. Half Term



Stogursey Community Network

The SCN is a group of volunteers who offer a wide range of services to our community.

STOGURSEY LUNCHES

Delicious 2-course meals, cooked and served in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey on Tuesdays. Everyone is invited to enjoy our yummy lunches, lovingly prepared by our Food Hygiene Level 2-certified Volunteers. All ages very welcome! You are welcome to bring guests along, just please book in advance (see below). A vegetarian option is always available, and we can cater for special diets / preferences, on request. *Payment is by a cash donation of the diner's choice*, cheques also accepted.

Advance booking essential (in order to avoid waste and to cater to your needs). Tel: 01278 733451 by 5pm on the preceding Friday to book your meal(s).

MEDICAL TRANSPORT

For residents in the Stogursey parish, our DBS-checked volunteer drivers can take you to a **medical appointment**, including doctor, dentist, optician, physiotherapy etc, if you are unable to get there any other way. Payment is by cash donation of your choice, cheques also accepted.

Medical Transport Tel only: 07485 350560
(leave a clear message please).

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION DELIVERY

In addition, SCN volunteers collect prescriptions from the two local Health Centres (Cannington Health Centre added this month) and deliver these to the SPAR/POST OFFICE for collection. If your Surgery has designated you a housebound or home delivery patient, we will deliver to you at home. (Note: This is only for patients who are unable to collect from the Surgery or the SPAR/PO.)

FOOD BANK DONATIONS AND DELIVERIES

The SCN is an official outpost of the Quantock Food Bank and Pantry. We collect and deliver food bags to families and individuals, as required. We are always grateful for donations to the Foodbank collection boxes in our two village shops. If you, or someone you know, needs food assistance contact us or the **Village Agent** (for a Foodbank referral) and/or **Home Start** (for families with young children). You will find their telephone numbers on the 'Contacts and Parish Information' page of this newsletter.



Stogursey Lunches

FEBRUARY'S MENU

Tuesday 6 February

(book by Friday 2 Feb - phone 01278 733451)

Turkey & ham pie OR
Cheese & thyme potato tart;
with vegetables

Fruit cake squares & icecream

Tuesday 13 February

(book by Friday 9 Feb- phone 01278 733451)

Beef moussaka, OR
Chestnut & mushroom moussaka;
with vegetables

Apple crumble & custard

Tuesday 20 February

(book by Friday 16 Feb- phone 01278 733451)

Fish pie; OR
Macaroni cheese;
with vegetables

Lemon & almond tart with cream or crème fraîche

Tuesday 27 February

(book by Friday 23 Feb - phone 01278 733451)

Mildly spiced lamb meatball; OR
Mildly spiced lentil stew;
with rice and vegetables

Pear & gingerbread cake with custard or cream

How to contact us: Email: stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com ; or Tel: 01278 732149

Points from the Parish Council Meeting

9th January 2024

2024-2025 Parish Precept

In light of the dire financial state of Somerset Council, the Parish Council, having considered its budget at length, have asked for a Parish precept which will see an increase of just over one pound a month on B and D properties. The dire state of Somerset Council's finances have contributed to the rise as the Parish Council considers that there may be services, currently provided by Somerset Council, that the Parish Council may need to consider becoming responsible to provide. That is why its reserves are being improved slightly to give the Parish Council the option to use for the benefit of the Parish.

Defibrillator for Burton

The Parish Council has successfully applied to Somerset Community Foundation and is to receive a grant of £2,000 to install a defibrillator at Burton. Once installed it will provide another unit accessible 24 hours a day for use in an emergency.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There is still a vacancy for a Councillor to join the Parish Council. This role can be filled by co-option of an individual who is: a British subject, on the electoral register of the parish, over 18 years of age and not disbarred from standing. Please contact the Clerk to obtain the necessary form and with any queries you may have about the role. You can speak to any of the current Councillors or the Clerk.

Changes to waste and recycling collections

From 12th February, Somerset Council Waste services are revamping their collection routes across Somerset, which will mean a change of collection day to Fridays. Information should have been posted to all the homes affected within the Parish, but more information can be found online at www.somerset.gov.uk/temp/waste/FRIB.pdf

Date of next meeting

The Parish Council is due to meet on the evening of **Tuesday 13th February 2024**. All are welcome to attend.

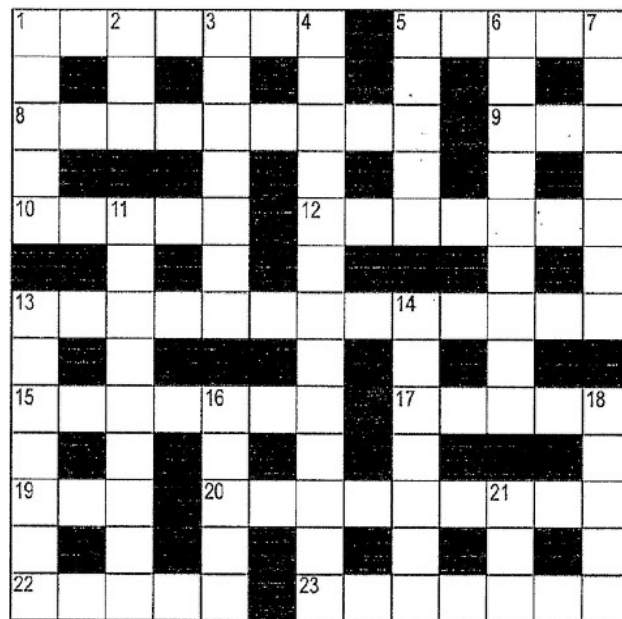
Please see the agenda and draft minutes of the last meeting on the parish website, www.stogursey-online.uk or any of the parish noticeboards, where you will also find the dates of meetings due to be held until May 2024.

If necessary, please contact the Clerk for any further information ahead of the meeting. My phone number is 01278 652534 or you can e-mail me at clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

Richard Wand, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

Quick Crossword No. 45

Compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Rich Indonesian meat dish (7)
5. The world's tallest waterfall (5)
8. Small Italian volcanic island (9)
9. Cabbages, potatoes, onions (3)
10. Beatles drummer (5)
12. Word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of another (7)
13. Behaving without thinking or realising the risk (13)
15. US state best known for the Grand Canyon (7)
17. Baked pastry particularly associated with Cornwall (5)
19. Military dictator from Uganda - - - Amin (3)
20. Battle which took place in 1415 (9)
22. The fastest milkman in the West! (5)
23. Rests in a warm, comfortable, and protected position (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Chocolates (5)
2. National Union of Railwaymen (3)
3. Supreme commander of a naval fleet (7)
4. Growth to a worldwide scale (13)
5. Large breed of dog from Japan (5)
6. Obsolete term for a woman employed to teach children in a private household (9)
7. Plants that are members of the pea family (7)
11. Cold blooded vertebrate living on land but breeding in water (9)
13. Form a mental image of something (7)
14. Regards something as likely to happen (7)
16. To speak pompously and lengthily (5)
18. Large hairy ape like creatures said to live in the Himalayas (5)
21. The address of a web page (3)

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Monthly Meeting
2pm Monday 26th February
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A PERSONAL STORY OF WARTIME SURVIVAL

A talk by Yolanda Bentham about her remarkable father, consultant psychiatrist David Ropschitz, and his journey from Vienna to imprisonment in an internment camp in Italy in the 1940s.

Solution to Quick Crossword No 44 January 2024

ACROSS:

1. Bathtub, 5. Aphid, 8. Epidermis, 9. RAS, 10. Hyper,
12. Tapioca, 13. Accommodation, 15. Avenis, 17. Starr,
19. Chi, 20. Operettas, 22. Organ, 23. Suspect

DOWN:

1. Beech, 2. Tui, 3. Theorem, 4. Bumptiousness,
5. Aesop, 6. Harmonica, 7. Disdain, 11. Pickering,
13. Ajaccio, 14. Answers, 16. Shorn, 18. Reset, 21. The

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by Jan Ford

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Blackbirds squabbling over berries,
Flurries of tits and noisy sparrows,
Ubiquitous starlings and jackdaws
And wheeling sea-gulls:
All seeking an easy meal.
Was so much on offer in the countryside?
A bountiful Autumn,
Or was it something else?
I too am wary now.

A shadow hangs over the garden
The pale circle of freshly plucked feathers
Where the sparrowhawk took centre stage
Observed but undaunted,
For hours!
Nothing edible remained;
The collared dove consumed.
Only the memory left
In that sodden, wind-blown,
Now faded circle.
Then a fresh trail of feathers
Across the grass and patio.
The circle of life continues.

MARMALADE

"James Bond and Paddington Bear eat it . . . Captain Scott took jars to the Antarctic, and Edmund Hillary took [a jar] up Everest."

Quinces gave marmalade its name: as the Portuguese name for quince is *marmelo*. Early marmalades were made from quince long before marmalade was made with the Seville orange. There are British recipes for conserves of Seville oranges in the 1587 'A Book of Cookrye'; and Samuel Pepys mentions marmalade in his diaries.

During WWII, Winston Churchill allowed the transport of Seville oranges during the blockade as he considered them essential for the morale of the English.

Of the 4+ million kg of marmalades grown in Seville, the majority end up in the UK for marmalade-making.

Olivia Potts, "Marmalade: A Very British Obsession" -
<https://longreads.com/author/livvypotts>

Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

Dome Lift

December 2023 concluded with a momentous achievement – the successful lifting of the 245-tonne domed roof onto Unit 1's Reactor Building.

Our workforce, whether present or joining via live stream, shared a sense of pride as the lift took place in the early hours of the morning.

The lifting of the dome onto unit one is an important milestone in the journey to operation where Hinkley Point C can play its part providing us all with reliable, low-carbon electricity.



Steam Generator ready to ship

There are four Steam Generators in each Reactor Building, each one measuring 23-metres high and weighing 490 tonnes. The job of the Steam Generators is to take the immense heat generated in the Reactor Core and turn it into steam to drive our turbine.

The Steam Generators were manufactured by a 600-strong team of engineers, operatives and project managers at the Framatome factory in Saint-Marcel, France, and will be shipped to Hinkley Point C this year.

Consultation on a Material change to Development Consent Order

Following the approval of Hinkley Point C's Development Consent Order in 2013 and the start of construction in 2016, we have continued to develop our project and are now proposing to apply for consent to make further changes to our original plans. This will help to implement best practices and enhance the efficiency of the operational station.

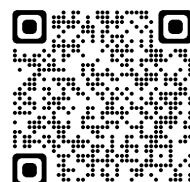
From 8th January to the 29th February, we will be seeking your views on a number of proposed changes through a public consultation that will allow us to shape our application before it is submitted in early 2025.

More information, including detailed proposals for all the changes is available online - www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity

End of Year Film

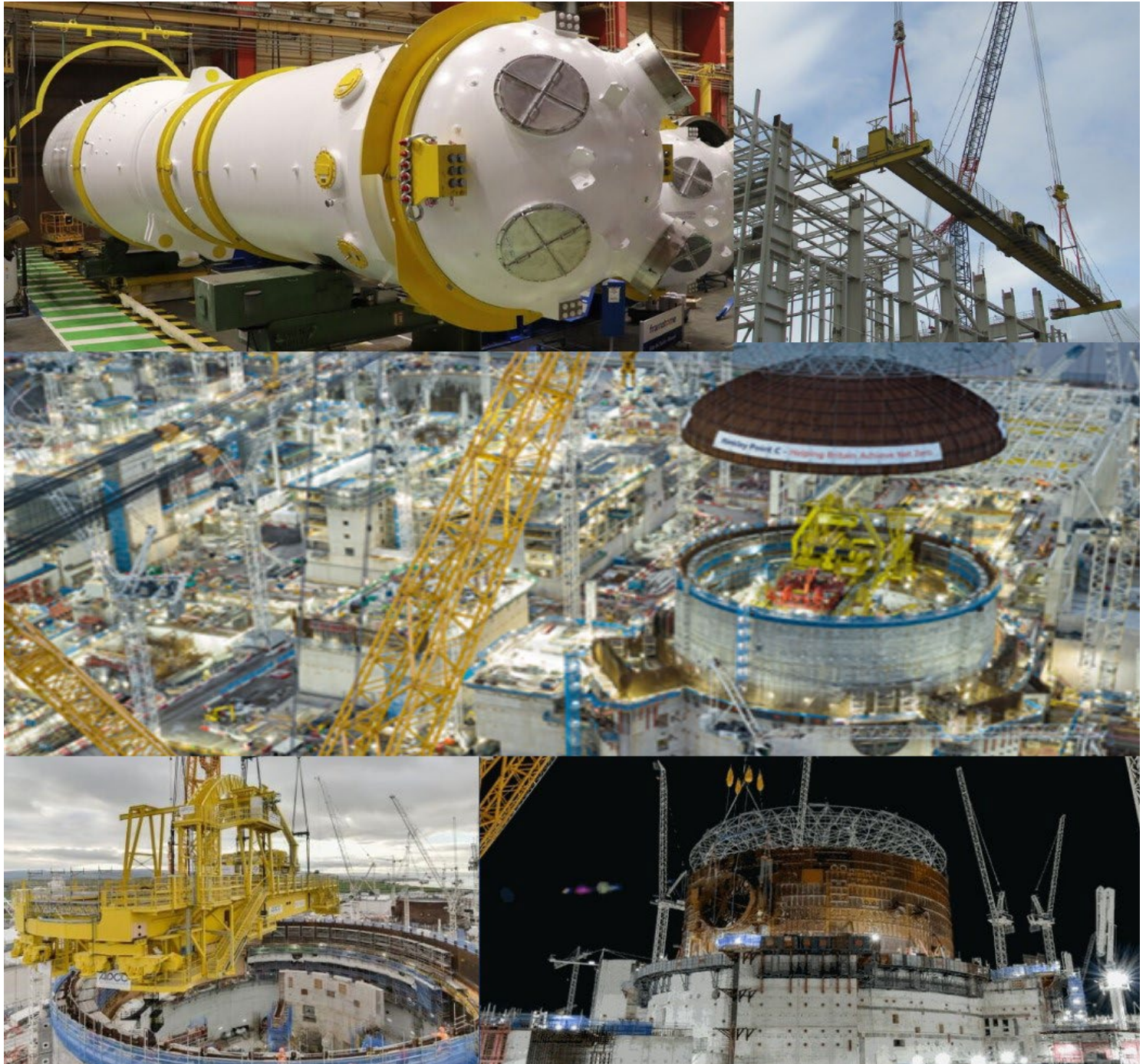
We are pleased to share our end of year film, capturing the significant progress made throughout 2023.

<https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/hinkley-point-c/local-community>



February Photo Update

As the saying goes, a picture paints a thousand words, and I am excited to share a compilation of images in this month's update.



Picture 1: The first of two steam generators are ready to ship. The Steam Generators were manufactured at the Framatome factory in France. Measuring 23-metres high and weighing 490 tonnes each, the job of the Steam Generators is to take the immense heat generated in the Reactor Core and turn it into steam to drive the turbine.

Picture 2: Racehorse Crane being lifted into the Turbine Hall. The 20-tonne capacity crane will provide an agile service for the steam turbine assembly.

Picture 3: 2023 concluded with the successful lifting of the 245-tonne domed roof into Unit 1's reactor building.

Picture 4: Polar Crane lifted into place. The polar crane will lift and manoeuvre heavy components, such as the Reactor Pressure Vessel and the Steam Generators, during the ongoing construction phase. The crane will also be busy when the reactor is operational, during maintenance and refuelling.

Picture 5: Ring Liner 2 successfully lifted onto Unit 2 Reactor Building.

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